

Remarks:

Applicant has read and considered the Office Action dated September 17, 2008. Claim 3 has been amended. Claims 1 and 2 have been withdrawn. Reconsideration is hereby requested.

In the Action, a Restriction Requirement was placed upon the application. The Office Action indicated that the application included three inventions, namely:

- Group I, claim 1, drawn to a Product;
- Group II, claim 2, drawn to a Device for Making a Product; and
- Group III, claim 3, drawn to a Method for Making a Product.

The Office Action indicated that the Groups do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because they lack the same or corresponding special technical features.

Applicant hereby elects Group III, claim 3, drawn to a Method for Making a Product without traverse. Claims 1 and 2 have been withdrawn as being directed to a non-elected invention. Claim 3 has been amended for form. Applicant asserts that the claim is in condition for allowance.

A speedy and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is hereby solicited. If the Examiner feels that a telephone interview may be helpful in this matter, please contact Applicant's representative at (612) 336-4728.

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Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers or any future reply, if appropriate. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.



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